



**Raised House Bill No. 5286, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER
PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

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Senator Douglas McCrory
Representative Bobby Sanchez
Members of the Education Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3100
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator McCrory, Representative Bobby Sanchez, and Education Committee Members:

The Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), which represents the Superintendents of Connecticut's public schools and other executive district leaders, is pleased to offer testimony on **Raised H.B. 5286 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS**, whose purpose is to cease implementation of edTPA and create a new state-wide preservice performance assessment for teacher preparation programs.

In 2016, after a two-year pilot program, edTPA was adopted as a preservice performance-based support system for incoming teachers. More than 30 states use edTPA. A year ago, when this concept was discussed, the State Department of Education testified that it would take more than two years for a state created preservice program to be completed. Instead of eliminating edTPA, it might be more prudent (and definitely more cost-effective) for the SDE to work with institutions of higher education and other partners to determine what the edTPA issues are and if they can be reasonably addressed.

CAPSS does not support this bill and recommends issues in the current, edTPA, be identified and addressed.

Sincerely,

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